WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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- 1. A capacitance type sensor comprising:
 - a detective member,
 - a first electrode being opposite to the detective member, and
- a second electrode arranged between the detective member and the first electrode and constituting capacitance elements with the first electrode, the second electrode being displaceable in a same direction as the detective member when the detective member is displaced,

wherein a specified space is defined between the detective member and the second electrode, whereby the second electrode is not displaced until the detective member is displaced to an extent corresponding to the specified space, and

wherein the capacitance type sensor is capable of recognizing the displacement of the detective member on the basis of a detection, using a signal input to the first electrode, of a change in capacitance value of the capacitance element caused by a change in distance between the first electrode and the second electrode.

- 2. The capacitance type sensor according to Claim 1, which has tapered pressing members disposed in the specified space.
- 20 3. The capacitance type sensor according to Claim 1, which further comprises a single substrate on which the first electrode and the second electrode are both provided.
 - 4. The capacitance type sensor according to Claim 2, which further comprises a single substrate on which the first electrode and the second electrode are both provided.